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Beautiful homes are found interspersed along the valleys,  
or situated at those points that are favorable for homes, and are scattered  
profusely through the vales and even to the mountain tops.

The main top of the Allegheny mountain or crest along the County line presents  
what is supposed to be the best example of penoplane in the County, and what  
is probably the best in the State of West Virginia. It can be seen to the best  
advantage near "Top of Allegheny" where it is crossed by the Staunton  
and Parkersburg Turn Pike. The mountain is a broad surface with slight  
dissection, but preserves an even sky-line for several miles. The average  
elevation of the Allegheny mountain is approximately 4400 feet.

No place in the Hills of West Virginia can afford more beautiful scenery  
than the top of the Allegheny mountain looking east; all the mountains may be  
seen as they pile up, between the main Allegheny and the Blue <sup>Ridge</sup> in the "East -  
-Virginia".

"Allegheny" is the name that has been applied, or given to the  
principal trunk line of the Appalachian system or ranges of mountains in the  
Eastern United States. The <sup>word</sup> "Appalachian" was first used by the Spaniards  
under Desota, in naming the ranges of mountains "Appalachee" in honor of the  
Apalachee Indians. Then later was incorrectly called "Allegheny".

The word Allegheny derived from an Indian word with unascertained  
meaning. No matter what the word means, or meant in the Indian language,  
it has a ring of melody, of beauty, and a concord of musical strains.

The mountains that divide the head waters of the Greenbrier River and the waters of The Dry Fork and Glady Fork of Cheat River, and following the Randolph County line, has been locally called ~~the~~ and known as Middle Mountain but is shown on the Soil Survey Map of Pocahontas County as The "Lynn Divide". The elevation of this ridge or plateau that extends from the main Allegheny mountains to the Shavers Mountain averages approximately 3500 feet; at or near the Allegheny mountain is 4000 feet, north of the Blister Swamp is 3708 feet, at the Blister Swamp 3637 feet, where it connects with the Shaver mountain is 4065 feet.

The Shavers mountain divides the waters of the West Fork of the Greenbrier and the Shavers Fork of Cheat river, and is the prolongation of the Back Allegheny mountain which loses its self in the southern part of Tucker County near the Dry Fork of Cheat between Otter creek and they Glagy Fork.

The crest or water shed of the Shavers Mountain that formes the dividing line between Randolph and Pocahontas Counties from the Staunton and Parkersburg turn pike, northward has an elevation approximately 4000 feet, with the knob <sup>tower</sup> the Gaudineer is located upon, at an elevation of 4445 feet which is the highest point.

The Back Allegheny mountain is the continuation or prolongation of the Shavers mountain from the point where the Staunton and Parkersburg pike crosses it; The watershed of the Back Allegheny divide the waters of the Greenbrier and the Shavers Fork of Cheat to the junction of the Back Allegheny and the Cheat Mountain at Thorny Flat which has an elevation of 4839 feet.

The highest point on the Back Allegheny mountain is the Bald Knob with an elevation of 4842 feet and is the highest point in Pocahontas County

A continuation of the same range of mountains or plateau divide the waters of the Elk River, <sup>and</sup> Cranberry River, and enters the Greenbrier County line north of Hills Creek. The Back Allegheny Mountain and the plateau of this region has an average elevation above 4600 feet

The highest elevation of ridges or Knobs in Pocahontas County are as follows, as shown by the Geological Survey of Pocahontas County.

|                            |                              |   |
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| Bald Knob.....             | 4842 feet,                   | On Back Allegheny Mountain.             |
| Thorny Flat,.....          | 4839 feet,                   | at junction of Cheat and Back Allegheny |
| Cheat Mt, .....            | 4835 feet                    | South of Mace.                          |
| Spruce Knob, .....         | 4710 feet                    | On Red Lick Mountain in Edray Dis-t     |
| Mace Knob,.....            | 4705 feet                    | South-East of Mace                      |
| Big Spruce Knob,.....      | 4695 feet                    | In Williams River section               |
| Eleber Ridge .....         | 4602 feet                    | Spur from main Allegheny                |
| Black Mountain.....        | <del>4625</del><br>4625 feet | Williams River and Yew Mountains        |
| Brier Knob .....           | 4518 feet                    | South-west of Hills Creek               |
| Ramshorn.....              | 4450 feet                    | Spur from main Allegheny                |
| Gaudineer Knob .....       | 4445 feet                    | Shavers mountain County line.           |
| Paddy Knob .....           | 4494 feet                    | On Allegheny South of Frost.            |
| Top Allegheny.....         | 4199 feet                    | 5.5 miles northeast of Arbovale.        |
| Summit School.....         | 4335 feet                    | On Allegheny mountain on State line     |
| Smoke Camp Knob .....      | 4218 feet                    | On Fork Mountain East of Thornwood.     |
| Tamrack Ridge .....        | 4400 feet                    | On Allegheny Mountain, on State line    |
| Tallow Knob .....          | 4035 feet                    | South of Big Spring Branch of Elk.      |
| Gibson Knob .....          | 4415 feet                    | South east end of Slaty Fork ridge.     |
| Guinn Ridge. ....          | 4250 feet                    | Head of Galfords creek .                |
| Mad Sheep .....            | 4256 feet                    | On Allegheny East of Minnahah Springs   |
| Mad Tom . On Allegheny ... | 4050 feet                    | East of Minnahaha                       |
| Red lick Mountain .....    | 4690 feet                    | West of Old Field Fork of Elk of Elk.   |
| Buffalo Ridge .....        | 4400 feet                    | North of North Fork of Deer Creek.      |
| Swage Mountain .....       | 4430 feet                    | Northwest of Buckeye...                 |
| Yew Mountains .....        | 4600 feet                    | Western EdrA District .                 |
| Tea Creek Mountain .....   | 4650 feet                    | Southwest of Slaty fork.                |

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